



Lab scientist says 'The Martian' mostly accurate

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Like thousands around the country, Nina Lanza was thrilled to get her ticket to see box office hit "The Martian" this weekend.

Lanza, a staff scientist at the Los Alamos National Lab who studies Mars, was interested to see how much the movie would get right when it comes to the science. Lanza works on the ChemCam team. ChemCam is a laser instrument on board the Curiosity rover.

"What's so impressive is so much of it is really accurate," Lanza said. "What's so impressive is so much of it is really accurate," Lanza said. "All of my Mars nerd friends

you know we just — we love this because it uses real science from today... not future magic science.”

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